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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP (STAFFDEL BOETTCHER)
SUBJECT: STAFFDEL BOETTCHER

REF: STATE 288549

1. FONOFF HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON EMBASSY PARALLELING THAT IN REFTEL. ACCORDING TO KAWASHIMA (NE ASIA DIVDEPDIR), FONOFF DOES NOT BELIEVE VISIT WILL POSE PROBLEMS FOR GOJ IF STAFFDEL ADHERES TO PLANS AS OUTLINED. FONOFF UNDERSTANDS FROM WASHINGTON EMBASSY THAT BOETTCHER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFFDEL WILL KEEP LOW PROFILE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND WILL MAINTAIN BASICALLY "NO COMMENT" LINE TO PRESS.

2. WHEN VISIT TO JAPAN BECOMES KNOWN, FONOFF WILL TELL PRESS THAT STAFFDEL IS IN TOKYO ENROUTE TO SEOUL AND WILL BE INTERVIEWING US OFFICIALS, ON VOLUNTARY BASIS, ON MATTERS RELATING TO US FORCES IN JAPAN, WITH INTERVIEWS TO TAKE PLACE AT US EMBASSY. IF ASKED, FONOFF WILL STAT THAT STAFFDEL IS NOT RPT NO LOOKING INTO KIM DAE JUNG AFFAIR.

3. EMBASSY SHARES FONOFF VIEW THAT, SO LONG AS SIX
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MEMBERS OF STAFFDEL CONCENTRATE STRICTLY ON INTERVIEWING US OFFICIALS AND BOETTCHER'S OWN INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS ARE CONDUCTED WITH DISCRETION, VISIT SHOULD NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR GOJ OR US-JAPAN RELATIONS. LOW PUBLIC PROFILE MAY BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN (ESPECIALLY IF, AS FONOFF UNDERSTANDS, BOETTCHER PLANS TO TALK TO DIET MEMBERS SUCH AS UTSUNOMIYA) BUT STAFFDEL SHOULD MAKE

EVERY EFFORT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
BOETTCHER PLANS WITH HIM IN DETAIL WHEN HE ARRIVES. WOULD
ALSO HOPE THAT ANY PRESS CONTACT BY ANY MEMBER OF STAFFDEL
COULD BE COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER AND,
IF APPROPRIATE, WITH FONOFF.

4. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AS REQUESTED REFTEL.
RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED AT OKURA. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE
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